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Title: CABLE MANAGEMENT BRACKETS AND CABINET

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By: Judith Tess

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 31 Reference(s)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:



With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Exhibit L is a single sheet of drawings of an ADC Telecommunications, Inc., commercial product on sale more than one year before the above-identified filing date for the present application. ADC Telecommunications, Inc., is the assignee of the present application.

The Panduit product of the photographs of Exhibit Q was a commercial product on sale in the marketplace before the above noted filing date. The Panduit product is related to the cable management products shown on pages 59, 60, 71 and 72 of Exhibit O.

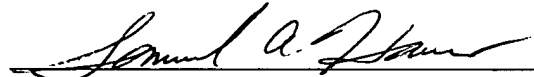
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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